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From the Offg. Superintendent, Inam Settlement in Mysore, To the Inam Commissioner in Mysore, No. 176, dated Bangalore, 24th February 1874.

I have the honor to bring to your notice the procedure now existing with regard to the attachment of inams in cases of non-attendance of the inamdars when duly summoned. It causes trouble and annoyance to taluk officials and inamdars, and gives too much latitude to Shanbhogs. A remedy is proposed below by the alteration of para 13 of the Inam Procedure which, if approved, may be sanctioned from the 1st of the next official year.

2. When an inamdar fails to attend to a summons issued by the Inam Assistant, under Land Inam Rule XIII, and clause 13 of the Procedure, his inam is attached for one year from the date of the notice. Should the default continue beyond that term the inam is resumed. If however he appears within the term of grace, the inam is settled by the Assistant, a report being made to the Superintendent who orders its release, the mesne proceeds thereof for the period of attachment being credited to Government by the Revenue authorities under the aforesaid Rule. Resumption in many cases is less irksome to the landholder, for he still continues in possession, the full recorded beriz, or the neighbouring rates of similar land being levied from him as a Government ryot, in lieu of his former jodi. But in the case of attachment, the village officials enter into possession and work the land in batayi when it is cropped, and when it is waste the attachment is of course no punishment at all.

3. The simple remedy appears to be, to levy from the registered inamdar the full recorded assessment from the *date of attachment in each case until it is released*, and should it be finally resumed, the full beriz, or the neighbouring rates on similar land would according to the rules be imposed, and the arrears collected by the Revenue authorities. This will relieve the village officials of much trouble and unnecessary work, and the inamdar of much irritating interference. Should the jodi and beriz be equal, 10 per cent may properly be added to the latter as the full assessment to be collected pending attachment, as would be done under the Chief Commissioner's order No. 3103—111, dated 8th September 1873, for the imposition of the interim quit-rent in any case governed by similar conditions.

4. Para 13 of the Inam Procedure, as it now stands corrected by Chief Commissioner's No. 1625—15 of the 1st July 1873, and as it is proposed to modify it is shewn below in parallel columns for consideration and early orders.

As it now stands.	*As proposed for sanction.*
If the inamdar or his agent fail to appear in obedience to this notice, the Assistant will note the same in the register, entering in it all the information that can be obtained regarding the inam to enable the Inam Commissioner to dispose of the case. If the information is found insufficient for this purpose, the inam will be attached by the Assistant who will forward a list of such cases through the Inam Superintendent to the Commissioner of the Division to enforce the attachment of the lands in question pending the appearance of the inamdar. The proceeds of the lands during the period of attachment will, as a general rule, be carried to the credit of Government, and will not be repayable to the inamdar.	If the inamdar or his agent fail to appear in obedience to this notice, the Assistant will note the same in the register, entering in it all the information that can be obtained regarding the inam to enable the Inam Superintendent to dispose of the case. If the information is found to be insufficient for this purpose, the inam will be attached as hereunder shewn pending the appearance of the inamdar. (*a.*) The Assistant will, as heretofore, send in a list of such cases to the Inam Superintendent, who will apply to the Commissioner of the Division to direct the levy of full assessment on the inam land from the date of the Assistant's application until the attachment be released, or until further orders. (*b.*) This practice is in lieu of and will supersede that now in existence, *viz.*, of the Revenue authorities taking charge of the cropped land and the proceeds thereof during such period of attachment. (*c.*) The difference between the jodi and beriz will be thus levied as a fine for non-attendance, and as a general rule it will be carried to the credit of Government and not be repayable to the inamdar. (*d.*) Should the jodi and beriz be equal in any case, 10 per cent will be added in addition thereto as the full interim assessment to be levied as above.

their accounts are written up in the proper form by the end of the current revenue year, they also will be dismissed.

9. Much of the responsibility for the present state of matters rests on the Amildar of the Taluk, whose alleged repeated orders seem to have been attended with no effect. But the Chief Commissioner cannot believe that he has interested himself in this most important part of the duties of his office as he was bound to do, and to mark his sense of this failure on his part. Colonel Meade directs that he be reduced from the 2nd to the 3rd Grade of Amildars.

10. The Chief Commissioner regrets that he cannot affirm that the efforts of Colonel Bruce in the matter have been such as to warrant his being "publicly absorbed from all blame." It was his duty to have himself personally taken measures to rectify the neglect of the settlement rules in respect of the due introduction of the new forms into the taluk, and, if he found this from any cause impossible, to have brought the subject to prominent notice, instead of allowing matters to drift on in a manner that could only lead to extreme disorder and confusion, and ultimately, if unchecked, to serious injury to the success of the settlement. That the very grave irregularities which exist have been made known at all, is due not to the District Officer, but to the Survey Department.

11. The Chief Commissioner deems it to be necessary to add that every District Officer is *personally* responsible for the due adoption of the new system in its integrity in all settled taluks of his District, and that he cannot be excused where any such shortcomings exist as those brought to notice in these reports.

12. The state of the boundary marks in this taluk calls for special notice. Mr. Krishnaswamaiengar reports that, during his jamabandi tour, about 50 per cent of these marks were found in good order, about 25 per cent seemed to "require slight repair" and the rest were "loose and damaged." This is not a satisfactory state of things, and it is no excuse that of the "loose and damages" marks most were in waste land. It is as imperative that marks in waste lands shall be kept in as good condition as those in cultivated lands, and the Chief Commissioner does not see how there should be any difficulty in the working of the rule by which the cost of repairing them is to be defrayed from a percentage of the sale proceeds of the right of pasturage over the waste lands whose boundaries they define. The Assistant Commissioner gives no idea as to the number of marks he examined during his tour, and he should accordingly report before the 15th of June that he has carefully examined at least 5 per cent of all the boundary marks in the taluk; these marks to be selected from villages throughout the different magnis.

13. The Chief Commissioner takes this opportunity of again reminding all District Officers that the due maintenance of boundary marks in perfect repair is essential to the realization of the advantages to be looked for from the introduction of the survey and settlement, and that no excuse will be admitted for neglect of the same.

14. With regard to para 13 of Colonel Bruce's letter it will suffice to remark that the Commissioner of the Division should of course, as a rule, address the Deputy Commissioner of the District in such matters and not the latter's Assistants, where, in cases of emergency, or for any special reason the latter are addressed direct, they should be so through the Deputy Commissioner.

15. With regard to para 2 of this order, the Offg. Commissioner will cause a close enquiry to be made into the state of the accounts and the boundary marks in the other settled taluks not yet reported on, and will submit the result at as early a date as possible.

16. The attention of all Commissioners of Divisions and District Officers is specially drawn to this order.

J. S. F. MACKENZIE,
Offg. Secretary.

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Statements* shewing the number of Rahadaris supplied to, and issued from, each District in the Nundydroog Division, during the months of September, October, November and December 1873.

* Herewith forwarded, to be returned to this Office.

No. 184—Rev. 4, dated Bangalore, 10th April 1874.

Order thereon.—On an examination of the above, it is observed that, in the case of the Kolar and Toomkoor Districts, the number of Rahadaris entered in one month's statement as remaining in stock at the close of the month does not tally with the number shewn in the succeeding month's statement under the head "Balance at the close of last month," the latter entry being in some cases less than, and in others even more than, the former.

The attention of the Commissioner of Nundydroog is drawn to these discrepancies.

J. S. F. MACKENZIE,
Offg. Secretary.

From the Offg. Commissioner, Nundydroog Division, To the Offg. Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, Genl. Department, Rev. No. 216, dated Bangalore, 24th February 1874.

With reference to Proceedings under date the 4th December 1873, No. 5045—143, I have the honor to inform you that the Deputy Commissioner of Toomkoor recommends the appointment of three Inspectors, at 25 rupees each, for three months, for collecting the duty on opium, &c., and to request that the Chief Commissioner's sanction may be obtained for the temporary entertainment of the establishment at a cost of Rs. 75 per mensem.

2. The Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore has not as yet sent in a proposition for the establishment required in his District. A reminder has been forwarded on the subject.

No. 185—Rev. 5, dated Bangalore, 10th April 1874.

Order thereon.—As recommended in the foregoing letter, the Chief Commissioner sanctions the temporary employment, for three months, of three Inspectors, * at a cost of Rs. 75 per mensem, for collecting the duty on opium, &c, in the Toomkoor District.

* On Rs. 25 each.

J. S. F. MACKENZIE,
Offg. Secretary.